

Montana
(Dollars in Thousands)

Montana	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	467,381	-17,518	449,863

** The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.*

Interior funding in the State of Montana totaled about \$467 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$18 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- Montana is home to 6 American Indian Tribes, 1 National Park, a battlefield, a historic site, and a monument and shares a national park, two historic sites, a national recreation area with adjoining states, 12 refuges, 2 wetland management districts and the National Bison Range, 8.3 millions of acres of public lands and a 47 million acre mineral estate shared with the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, and over 2,500 Interior employees.
- Together these natural assets attracted 9.2 million visitors, created 6,272 jobs, and generated \$486 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Montana stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$6.1 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities including cuts to the budgets of Tribes that provide contract services including:
 - Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation;
 - Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation;
 - Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation;
 - Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation;
 - Crow Tribe;
 - Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation;
 - Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation; and
 - Chippewa-Cree Indians of Rocky Boy's Reservation.
 - \$3 million at Bureau of Land Management sites like Pompeys Pillar National Monument and Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
 - \$1.1 million at Fish and Wildlife Service sites like Charles Russell and Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and the National Bison Range.

- \$1.1 million at National Park Service sites like Glacier National Park and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, and Yellowstone National Park.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Montana would drop by about \$5.7 million under the sequester.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	13,044	-665	12,379
Historic Preservation Fund	786	-39	747
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	397	-20	377
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	26,937	-1,374	25,563
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	23,253	-1,186	22,067
State and Wildlife Grants	824	-41	783
Mineral Revenue Payments	47,258	-2,410	44,848
Total, Montana	112,499	-5,735	106,764

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.